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REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1871.

THE President in the chair. Records of preceding meeting read.

The President read a communication on

THE ANCESTRY AND BIRTHPLACE OF HAWTHORNE,

whose writings have imparted a degree of interest to many places in this city, and whose successful career in the field of letters, has added a brilliant star to the glorious galaxy of Salem worthies. Here much interest centres; foreign tourists and others come to visit the scenes which he has so well described in his writings, and to repeople them with those characters which he has so vividly portrayed. This interest is on the increase, each year adding to the number of those who thus show their respect and admiration of the man and his writings.

It is proposed only to allude briefly to his ancestry in America; very little is known of the family in the motherland. Hawthorne, when in England, devoted much time, fruitlessly, to search out the residence of any of them, and wrote to a friend, "of all things, I should like to find a grave-stone in one of these old church-yards

with my own name upon it; although for myself I should wish to be buried in America."

The name has been prominent in our annals from the first settlement, and has been variously spelt, eight different modes having been noticed.

The emigrant ancestor, Major William Hathorne, came over in the *Arabella*, with Winthrop, as stated by Savage in his *Genealogical Dictionary*. He went probably, first to Dorchester, having had grants of land there in 1634; made freeman May 14, 1634, and was one of the ten men in 1635. In 1636 Salem tendered him grants of land if he would remove hither; he came in that or the year following. From that time his name appears on our records, as holding important positions, Commissioner, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Counsel in cases before the Courts, Judge on the Bench, soldier commanding important and difficult expeditions, and in innumerable other cases.

Johnson, in his "wonder working Providence," thus says of him, "yet through the Lord's mercy we still retaine among our Democracy the Godly Captaine William Hathorn, whom the Lord hath indued with a quick apprehension, strong memory, and Rhetorick, volubility of speech, which hath caused the people to make use of him often in Publick Service, especially, when they have had to do with any foreign government." He died in 1681. His son John seems to have inherited many of his prominent traits of character, and to have succeeded in all his public honors, was freeman in 1677, Representative in 1683, Assistant, or Counsellor, 1684 to 1712, except the years of Andros' government; a Magistrate in the prosecution of the witchcraft trials, afterwards of the Superior Court; Colonel of a regiment and commander of the forces in the expedition of 1696, on the retire-

ment of Church. He died in 1717. The name appears, thus far, to have been as prominent in the civil history of that period, as it has been in the elegant literature of the present.

Joseph Hathorne, the next in descent, married, June 30, 1715, Sarah, daughter of William Bowditch, and a sister of Ebenezer, the grandfather of Hon. Nathaniel Bowditch, the eminent mathematician. He was occupied principally with the quiet and retiring duties of the farm, and did not take that leading part in publick affairs which his father and grandfather had been called upon to assume.

He died in 1762, having had among other children, Daniel, who, during the period of the Revolution, was in command of several Privateers, and noted for his courage and bravery; died April 18, 1796, at the age of 65. His contemporaries speak of him in high terms of commendation, and his funeral was attended with that respect which real worth ensures. No descendants are now living in Salem who bear his name. The eldest son died young; the second, Daniel, died at sea, unmarried, in 1805, a master-mariner; the third, Nathaniel, was the father of the subject of this notice. The eldest daughter, Rachel, married Simon Forrester, one of the Pioneers in the East India trade, who died in 1817, leaving a large fortune, the results of his successful commercial enterprises.

Nathaniel Hathorne, son of the preceding, born in 1776, married Elizabeth Clarke Manning, daughter of Richard Manning, and sister of Robert, the distinguished pomologist of Salem. Mr. Hathorne, after his marriage, continued to reside in the family mansion, now numbered 21 Union street, and in the northwest chamber of this house, Nathaniel, the author, was born, July 4, 1804. This house was built about two hundred years since by Benjamin Pickman, some additions and alterations having

been made by the several owners; the land, on which it stands, was, originally, part of the grant to Joseph Hardy, who conveyed it Aug. 7, 1685, to his son-in-law, Benjamin Pickman; B. Pickman's wife, Elizabeth, was daughter of Joseph Hardy; Joshua Pickman, a son of Benjamin, conveyed the same to Jonathan Phelps, June 22, 1745, he with his wife, Judith, transferred it to their son-in-law, Daniel Hathorne, Sept. 28, 1772. Rachel, the wife of the grantee, being the daughter of the grantors. This estate remained in the family until 1850, when it was sold by the heirs to Isaac Cushing.

Soon after the death of Capt. Nathaniel Hathorne, which took place at Surinam, in the spring of 1808, the mother went with her children to the family of her father, Richard Manning, at the Manning house, No. 10 Herbert street — this estate extended through to Union street, adjoining that of his birthplace. There they lived till October, 1818, when they went to Raymond, Me., where his grandfather, in connection with his uncle Richard, and others of the family, had made very extensive investments in lands. Hawthorne lived here about a year in a large house built near the shore of Sebago Lake, by his uncle, Robert Manning, in the expectation that the Manning family would remove from Salem to Raymond. Hawthorne returned to Salem to attend school, in the autumn of 1819, living again in the family of his grandmother Manning, and during the vacations, whilst a student at Bowdoin College, also after his graduation. In December, 1828, he and his mother removed to North Salem, to a house built and owned by Robert Manning, adjoining his own residence on Dearborn street. In December, 1832, they moved again to the ancestral mansion in Herbert street. About 1836 he went to Boston to edit a magazine, and after a short residence, returned

again to the same old house, but not long after he went again to Boston, where he stayed until he took up his residence at Brook Farm. He was married in Boston, July, 1842, to Sophia A., daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Peabody of Salem, and lived for some time at the "Old Manse," in Concord, Mass. In October, 1845, he came to Herbert street with his family, as boarders, remaining there six months, when he removed to Boston. In August, 1846, he came back to Salem, and lived at No. 18 Chestnut street. In October, 1847, he removed to 14 Mall street, in this place he lived until April, 1850, and then left Salem for the last time, as a resident.

We have thus given some account of the paternal ancestry of Hawthorne in this country, his birthplace and other residences in Salem, where he passed many years of his life, and where many of his choicest productions were written—leaving to others the delineation of his character and of his writings.

This communication, of which the above is only a brief abstract, was referred to the Publication Committee for insertion in the Historical Collections.

Mr. F. W. PUTNAM exhibited several specimens of the peculiar fishes belonging to the genera of Tetraodon and Diodon which had been recently presented to the Museum. He called attention to the singular structure of the teeth, which, while appearing simply as one large tooth on each jaw in Diodon, and as two on each jaw in Tetraodon, really consisted of a large number of teeth so closely cemented together by the deposit of dentine as to form the solid compound teeth characteristic of the family. He also pointed out the peculiar structure of the scales, modified so as to serve as spiny organs of defence, which in connection with the power these fishes have of inhaling

air to such an extent as to enable them to float on the surface of the water like an inflated balloon, rendered it almost impossible for any other fish to swallow them. The flesh of many species of this family are well known to be poisonous, and an old sailor will seldom risk eating them.

The following correspondence was announced, —

New England Society of Orange, Feb. 26; Smithsonian Institution, Feb. 15; E. W. Buswell, Boston, Feb. 28; G. F. Choate, Salem, Mch. 6; J. Colburn, Boston, Feb. 20; Wm. Graves, Newburyport, Mch. 2; M. How, Haverhill, Feb. 25; Mrs. E. D. Kimball, Salem, Feb. 22; D. Webster King, Boston, Feb. 20; W. S. Perry, Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 23; William Prescott, Concord, N. H., Feb. 25; A. H. Quint, New Bedford, Feb. 23, 27; J. K. Wiggin, Boston, Feb. 21.

The following additions to the Library were reported.

Donations.

ABBOTT, A., of Newburyport. Moore's Almanack for 1778. An Act for Regulating and Governing the Militia of Massachusetts in 1793. The New England Courant printed in 1723.

BLAKE, C. J., of Boston. Late contributions to Aural Surgery by donor. Read May 24, 1870.

BUTLER, B. F., M. C. Speech in H. R. Feb. 14, 1871, on Expulsion of West Point Cadets.

GARRISON, W. P., of New York. Constitution and By-Laws of the New England Society of Orange, as adopted May 12th, 1870.

LEE, JOHN C. Commercial Bulletin for Feb.

LINCOLN, SOLOMON. Memoir of Mrs. Rowson by Elias Nason. 1 vol., small 4to, Albany, 1870.

SUMNER, CHARLES, U. S. S. Drake's Speech in U. S. Senate, Dec. 16, 1870. Congressional Directory, 3rd Sess., 41st Cong. Schurz' Speech in U. S. Senate, Jan. 27, 1871. Hoar's Speech in U. S. H. R., Feb. 7, 1871. Eulogies delivered in U. S. Cong., Feb. 9, 10, 1871, on Death of Hon. John Covode. Report of the U. S. Commissioners to the Paris Exposition. 6 vols. 8vo. Washington, 1870. Reports of the Total Eclipse of August 7, 1869, 1 vol., large 4to. Message and Documents, 2d Sess., 41st Cong. 1869-70. 1 vol. 8vo.

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY. Address delivered at the Dedication, July 5th, 1869, by Hon. Thomas Russell.

WATERS, J. LINTON, of Chicago, Ill. Free Labor the first condition of Free Trade. By C. W. Felt.

By Exchange.

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Proceedings for 1869-70.

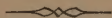
IOWA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Annals of Iowa for Jan., 1871.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Account of the Settlement of Ellicott's Mills, read before the Society, Nov. 3., 1870.

PUBLISHERS. American Naturalist. Christian World. Eclectic. Essex Banner. Gloucester Telegraph. Haverhill Gazette. Historical Magazine. Land and Water. Lawrence American. Literary World. Little Giant. Lynn Reporter. Medical and Surgical Reporter. Nation. National Farmer. Nature. Peabody

Press. Quaritch's Catalogue. Salem Observer. Silliman's Journal. The New Carpet.

Wm. A. Ireland and Wm. H. Kilvert were duly elected Resident members.



REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1871.

THE President in the chair. Records of preceding meeting read.

The President presented a copy in manuscript of the Genealogy of the Cabot family, prepared by Hon. Joseph S. Cabot of this city, and which he had recently received from him, a donation to the manuscript department, and made some remarks upon the history of this family in this county. Two brothers came to Salem about 1700, John and George, from the Island of Jersey—John married Anna Orne and was the ancestor of the family in this vicinity and this record refers especially to an account of his descendants. George married Miss Marston, daughter of Benjamin Marston of Salem, died in 1715, leaving a son Marston, who graduated at Harvard college in 1724, and was settled in the ministry at Killingly, Conn. He married Mary, daughter of Rev. Josiah Dwight and died April 8, 1756, leaving many descendants.

Mr. ALLEN W. DODGE made some interesting remarks on some of the habits and customs of our ancestors as gleaned from an examination of the wills and inventories of estates on file in the Probate office. This subject will probably be alluded to again at some future meeting.

The Secretary announced the following correspondence :

Boston Athenæum, Mch. 10; Boston Public Library, Mch. 13; Corporation of Harvard College, Mch. 13; Mass. State Board of Health, Mch. 18; Mass. State

Library, Mch. 14; New York State Library, Mch. 14; Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mch. 13; R. I. Historical Society, Mch. 15; George W. Duncan, Haverhill, Mch. 4; Mrs. A. T. Endicott, Boston, Feb. 28, Mch. 15; B. H. Hall, Troy, Mch. 18; Mrs. P. A. Hanaford, New Haven, Mch. 17; F. G. Hastings, New York, Mch. 18; Z. A. Mudge, Marblehead, Mch. 18; Josiah Newhall, Lynnfield, Mch. 1, 8; G. H. Preble, Charlestown, Mch. 16; John C. Ropes, Boston, Mch. 17; Henry White, New Haven, Conn., Mch. 18.

The Librarian reported the following additions :

By Donation.

BUTLER, B. F., M. C. Patent Office Reports. Vols. 2, 3, 4, 1868. 3 vols. 8vo. Report of the Department of Agriculture for 1869. 1 vol. 8vo. Acts and Resolutions of U. S. at the 2d Sess., 41st Cong. 1 vol. 8vo. Message and Documents for 1869-70. 1 vol. 8vo. Eighth Census of the U. S. for 1860. 4 vols. 4to. Congressional Globe, 2d Sess. 41st Congress, with Appendix. 7 vols. 4to. 1869-70.

GREEN, S. A., of Boston. Miscellaneous pamphlets, 71.

PHIPPEEN, GEO. D. A Treatise of Prayer. 1 vol. 12mo. London.

RANDALL, STEPHEN, of Providence, R. I. Publications of the Narragansett Club. Vol. IV. 1 vol. small 4to. Providence, 1870.

SUMNER, CHARLES, U. S. S. Land Office Report for 1868. 1 vol. 8vo. Finance Report for 1870. 1 vol. 8vo. Mining Statistics West of the Rocky Mountains by R. W. Raymond, 1 vol. 8vo. Report on the Commerce and Navigation of U. S. Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1870. 1 vol. 8vo.

WORTHEN, Prof. A. H., of Springfield, Ill. Geological Survey of Illinois. Vol. IV. 1 vol., small 4to. 1870.

By Exchange.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Report of, to the Legislature of Minnesota for 1870. 8vo. pamph.

VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Proceedings. Oct. and Nov., 1870. 8vo. pamph.

PUBLISHERS. American Literary Gazette. Essex Banner. Gardner's Monthly. Gloucester Telegraph. Haverhill Gazette. Lawrence American. Little Giant. Lynn Reporter. Medical and Surgical Reporter. Nation. National Farmer. Nature. Peabody Press. Quaritch's Catalogue. Sotheran's Catalogue.

Henry W. Moulton of Newburyport, and Dirk Teupken of Salem were elected Resident members.